

In the claims:

Withdraw claims 1 to 10, inclusive, without prejudice, substituting the following claims:

✓ --15. A synthetic resinous toner seal including a centrally located tear strip for electrostatic copiers comprising:
a base lamina of material having a ^{Rt(12C1/251)} peaceful axis, and formed by extruding parallel elongated fibers which are axially-oriented in fused relation, wherein said centrally axially-oriented portion of the lamina may be torn along said axis to form an elongated opening for the passage of toner; and a second reinforcing lamina of substantially congruent configuration being laminated to a surface of said base lamina over a centrally axially positioned mutually contacting surface forming a tear strip, said second lamina being formed from axially-oriented fibers which are parallel to the fibers of said first lamina, whereby said first and second laminae may be torn as an integral centrally-located tear strip.

A2 16. A seal in accordance with claim 15, in which said first and second laminae are laminated only in an area forming said tear strip.

17. A seal in accordance with claim 15, in which said first and second laminae are formed from similar materials.

18. A seal in accordance with claim 15, in which at least said second lamina is formed of electro-conductive material.

19. A seal in accordance with claim 18, in which one of said lamina is formed from material capable of dissipating a triboelectric charge from contacting toner particles.

20. A seal in accordance with claim 19, in which said second lamina is formed of polyethylene.

21. A seal in accordance with claim 19, in which said second lamina is formed of polypropylene.

22. A seal in accordance with claim 19, in which said second lamina is formed from nylon.

23. A seal in accordance with claim 15, further comprising an additional layer of material at least partially surrounding an area of initial tearing and adhered to a planar surface thereof to prevent wrinkling of said area during a tearing operation.

A² 24. A seal in accordance with claim 23, further comprising a second layer of material adhered to said surface of said seal at an area distal to said area of initial tearing, and forming a guide for said tear strip.

25. The method of making a seal for toner cartridges comprising the steps of:

a) providing a first strip of material having a principal axis formed of fused elongated fibers, and having a given width;

b) providing a second strip of material formed of fused elongated fibers having a second principal axis and of width corresponding to that of said first strip;

c) placing said first and second strips in congruent relation, and;